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SUBJECT: EMBASSY DELIVERS REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO RTG

REF: STATE 23820, BANGKOK 1927

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THAILAND TO NIKHOM TANTEM SAP, CHIEF OF AMERICA DIVISION, MFA ON JAN 30. NIKHOM THANKED US FOR THE ADVANCE TEXT AND SAID HE WOULD PASS THE REPORT ON TO HIS SUPERIORS.

2. COMMENT: THE REPORT PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT DESCRIPTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THAILAND. WE CALL ATTENTION TO THREE AREAS, MENTIONED IN THE REPORT, WHICH ARE NOT COMPLETELY ACCURATE AS STATED IN THE REPORT, THOUGH WE DO NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND ANY CHANGE. THESE ARE:

(1) THE 19TH "THAMMASAT" DEFENDANT, REFERRED TO IN PARA 1-C OF THE REPORT IS NAMED BUNCHAT SATHIENTHAM. HE WAS NOT RPT NOT PRESENT AT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY ON OCT 6, 1976, AND SO WAS NOT RPT NOT ARRESTED WITH THE OTHERS. HE WAS LATER ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH LESE MAJESTE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLEGED MOCK HANGING OF THE CROWN PRINCE ON OCT 4. AS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT, HE IS PRESENTLY ON TRIAL BEFORE A CIVILIAN COURT IN BANGKOK.

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BUNCHAT IS BEING HELD WITH SIX OF THE "THAMMASAT 18" AT BANGKWANG PRISON. HE WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN DETAINEES VISITED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN ON JAN 18 (REF B); (2) FURTHER IN PARA 1-C, THE REPORT STATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 800 PERSONS REMAIN IN DETENTION UNDER NARC ORDER 22 AND THAT FEWER THAN 100 ARE HELD UNDER THE POLITICAL PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER. AS OF JAN 9, 1978, THE NUMBER OF NARC ORDER 22 DETAINEES HAD DROPPED

TO APPROXIMATELY 600 PERSONS, FEWER THAN TEN OF WHOM ARE HELD  
UNDER POLITICAL PROVISIONS; (3) PARA 3-A STATES THAT MEETINGS  
OF OVER FIVE PERSONS WERE BARRED BY THE PREVIOUS THANIN GOVERNMENT.  
THIS REGULATION IS CONTAINED IN NARC ORDER 4 ISSUED OCT 6,  
1976 BY THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP, PRIOR TO THANIN'S APPOINTMENT  
AS PM. IT PROHIBITS GATHERINGS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES OF  
MORE THAN FIVE PEOPLE.  
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